

## **MSMHS PTO Meeting - MINUTES**

**October 3, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President Amber Haifley (AH) brought the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

**Minutes:** Jennifer King (JK) substituted for Liz Blomberg as Secretary for the meeting. JK called a motion for approval of the minutes from September 5, 2023. Motion passed by PTO members in attendance.

### **Officers' Reports:**

1. President

AH described the roles of MSMHS PTO President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations for Officers were received:

President: Anni Rodgers (AR)

VP: no nominees

Treasurer: Jennifer King

Secretary: Allison Lena (AL)

Elections for President, Secretary and Treasurer were held. Anni Rodgers was elected President; Jennifer King elected Treasurer, and Allison Lena elected Secretary.

AR made a motion to table the election of a VP until the November meeting. Motion passed by PTO members in attendance.

2. Treasurer

JK noted income and expenses for the month as per the treasurer's report provided. Bank balance as of October 3, 2024, is \$18,470.85.

3. Secretary

JK called for any new business. No new business was raised.

### **Principal's Report**

Tara Amatrudo (TA) provided an update regarding MSMHS being named a Blue Ribbon School as well as being a College Board AP Honor Roll platinum level recipient.

TA stated Homecoming would be on October 27 from 6:30-9:30pm at the school.

The monthly parent forum regarding grading and assessment was moved from September to October due to time constraints.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) gave school-wide training to students on September 26. It went well and the students were engaged in the programming. Takeaways will be completed in Student Council and Shark Blocks.

The \$2m grant received last year is to be distributed over the next 5 years. The funds are being utilized so far for more fish, aquariums and aero gardens, updates to technology such as underwater lenses for photography, the ADL, staff training, project-based learning, additional shark block activities and the rowing team.

### **Student Council Report**

Charlie Bergendahl (CB) reported that Student Council elections were last week, and they were scheduled to meet the following day for the first time during Shark Block. CB will provide additional information regarding planned activities such as Homecoming, Powder Puff and new fundraiser ideas at a later PTO meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Staff Appreciation:

JK stated that chair Cheryl Corej (CC) could not attend the meeting tonight but that she has planned for a soup and salad lunch on the Friday of parent-teacher conferences. CC has tentatively planned different things for every month of the school year.

Student Appreciation:

AL stated that chair Liz Blomberg could not attend the meeting tonight. AL made a motion to spend up to \$800 for a photo booth for Homecoming. The motion passed.

Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided to students free of charge at the Powder Puff game.

Pack your own survival kits are being planned for midterms.

Fundraising:

AR covered the planned Shark Bites fundraisers at various locations each month, including stating that \$234 was raised at the September Panera Shark Bites. There are some months that have not yet been finalized and AR is working with Paul's Pasta, Pick Pockets and other local places to schedule.

The Got Sneakers fundraiser has concluded. Sophomores donated 35 pairs, Freshmen 25, Juniors 6, and Seniors 3.

The Amazing Race was canceled due to the weather.

Student musical bingo or trivia night was discussed as a future event.

**The meeting was adjourned by AH at 7:32pm.**